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In re the Application of

Fukuo MURAI

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The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the Form PTO-SB08a. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below. In the event that any fees are due with respect to this paper, please charge Deposit No. 01-2300.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the information item(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-SB08. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each item(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the item(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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- ☒ 4. The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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